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AND TO SEEK BILATERAL MEETING WITH PRESIDENT

1. MFA DIRECTOR FOR EUROPEAN AFFAIRS, AGUIRRE DE CARCER, INFORMED EMBOFFS JULY 22 THAT PRESIDENT ARIAS NAVARRO WOULD HEAD SPANISH DELEGATION FOR CSCE STAGE III IN HELSINKI. HE WILL BE ACCOMPANIED BY FONMIN CORTINA MAURI AND AGUIRRE DE CARCER, HEAD OF GOS DELEGATION TO CSCE, AND OTHERS AT WORKING LEVEL. DIREGEN SAID MFA HAD SENT CABLE JULY 15 TO ITS EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON REQUESTING THAT EMBASSY CONTACT DEPT ABOUT POSSIBILITY OF BILATERAL MEETING BETWEEN PRESIDENT FORD AND ARIAS AT HELSINKI. FONMIN CORTINA HAS ALSO ASKED FOR MEETING WITH SECRETARY.

2. AGUIRRE DE CARCER SAID THAT IN THE TALKS BETWEEN PRESIDENT AND ARIAS AND POSSIBLY A SEPARATE ONE BETWEEN CORTINA AND THE SECRETARY, MAIN FOCUS WOULD BE ON STATUS OF BASE NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE
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HOPE OF MOVING THEM FORWARD TOWARD AGREEMENT. TIME PER-

MITTING, OTHER TOPICS OF CONVERSATION MIGHT BE (A) DE-COLONIZATION OF SAHARA: SPANISH REPORT ON STATUS OF ICJ HEARINGS AT THE HAGUE, DEVELOPMENTS IN THE SAHARA, AND POSSIBILITY OF FOUR-POWER TALKS, (B) US/EAST EUROPEAN RELATIONS: GOS WOULD APPRECIATE HAVING PRESIDENT'S VIEW OF HIS VISITS TO POLAND, ROMANIA AND YUGOSLAVIA ON EVE OF CSCE STAGE III AND STATUS OF US/SOVIET RELATIONS, PARTICULARLY IF PRESIDENT'S MEETING WITH BREZHNEV TAKES PLACE BEFORE HIS MEETING WITH ARIAS; (C) SPANISH INTEREST IN BEING DESIGNATED BENEFICIARY OF GENERALIZED TARIFF PREFERENCES UNDER 1974 TRADE ACT.

3. AGUIRRE SAID THAT HE DID NOT BELIEVE THAT POST CSCE-RELATED ACTION WOULD COME UP IN TALKS BETWEEN PRESIDENT AND ARIAS.

4. WITH RESPECT TO CONCLUSION OF STAGE III, DIRGEN SAID THAT GOS WAS GENERALLY QUITE SATISFIED WITH FINAL DOCUMENT. MFA HAD NOTED NO SPECIAL DEVELOPMENT IN SPAIN'S RELATIONS WITH EAST EUROPE AS CONSEQUENCE OF CSCE (SUBJECT WHICH HE DESCRIBED AS ON BACK BURNER BOTH FOR SPAIN AND EE'S, EXCEPT FOR TRADE). AGUIRRE BELIEVED THAT SETTING DOWN OF SOME BASIC PRINCIPLES IN FINAL DOCUMENT WILL BE HELPFUL IN DEVELOPING ALL-EUROPEAN IDEA TO WHICH SPAIN ATTACHES IMPORTANCE. GOS WAS PARTICULARLY PLEASED TO HAVE PRINCIPLES WITH RESPECT TO PEACEFUL

CHANGE OF BORDERS, INTEGRITY OF NATIONAL UNITY, NON-INTERFERENCE IN INTERNAL AFFAIRS, SPECIAL SECTIONS ON TOURISM AND MIGRANT WORKERS, AND A MEDITERRANEAN DECLARATION, WHICH ALL WERE HELPFUL TO SPANISH POSITION.

5. MAJOR DISAPPOINTMENT IN FINAL CSCE DOCUMENT FOR AGUIRRE DE CARCER APPARENTLY REMAINS FOLLOW-UP ARRANGEMENTS, WHICH HE DESCRIBED AS NEEDLESSLY TIMID. HE ALSO WAS PARTICULARLY CRITICAL OF FRENCH TACTICS IN CSCE, FOR HAVING SACRIFICED COOPERATION WITH OTHER WE'S ON ALTAR OF WIDER FRENCH ADVANTAGES IN BILATERAL RELATIONS WITH INDIVIDUAL EUROPEAN COUNTRIES. FRANCE, DIRGEN SAID, HAD ITS OWN OSTPOLITIK WHICH WAS EVIDENT IN FRENCH CONFIDENTIAL

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EFFORTS TO UTILIZE BREZHNEV'S VISIT TO FRANCE LAST WINTER IN EFFORT TO PLAY ROLE OF MAJOR POWER IN WORKING OUT INTRA-EUROPEAN ARRANGEMENTS. AGUIRRE CRITICIZED FRENCH FOR HAVING CONNIVED IN ARRANGING FOR 1977 FOLLOW-UP MEETING IN BELGRADE IN EFFORT TO BOLSTER IMAGE OF FRENCH MAJOR POWER INFLUENCE IN EUROPEAN AFFAIRS.

6. AGUIRRE ASKED IF MFA COULD BE GIVEN SOME INDICATION OF

KEY THEMES IN PRESIDENT FORD'S SPEECH AT STAGE III.
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